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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 16, 2000

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC000152

f/k/a BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

For Exemption from Physical
Collocation at its Lewinsville
and Sterling Park central offices

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO RESPOND

Pursuant to the Commission's Preliminary Order of June 30, 2000, in this case, interested parties were granted leave to file comments on the above-captioned request for exemption from the requirements to provide physical collocation and the Commission's Staff was directed to file a report of its investigation. On July 24, 2000, Focal Communications Corporation of Virginia ("Focal") filed its opposition to the request of Verizon Virginia Inc. for exemption from collocation requirements in its Lewinsville and Sterling Park central offices. The Staff filed its Report on August 8, 2000.

The Commission is of the opinion that Verizon Virginia Inc. should be granted leave to file its response, if any, to the comments of Focal and the Staff Report, no later than September 8, 2000.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon Virginia Inc. is hereby granted leave to file, on or before September 8, 2000, its response to the comments of Focal and the Staff Report.

(2) This case shall be continued generally.